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**COVID-19 Update: March 31, 2020**

The Interlake School Division is committed to providing accurate and timely information to students, staff, parents/guardians, and the community during these unprecedented times.

Following the recommendations of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, the Minister of Education has directed all schools to suspend classroom learning indefinitely for this school year.

Key points provided in the Province’s news release of March 31, 2020:

- Teachers will teach remotely, assign work, conduct assessments, and prepare final report cards.
- All students will be expected to actively engage in remote learning.
- Students who were on track to graduate this year will graduate.
- Grade 12 provincial exams will be cancelled.
- No student will be held back a grade because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Students will receive a final grade and report card in June, 2020.
- Schools will maintain essential staffing to allow teachers to access resources.
- Schools will ensure appropriate social distancing and increase cleaning for infection prevention.

Planning is underway to develop a Provincial framework for teaching and learning for the remainder of the school year. Manitoba Education will share the specific framework along with more details in the days ahead. To assist in planning, Manitoba Education has established planning teams related to the following seven priority areas:

- Distance and Online Learning Technology
- Child Nutrition
- Students without Technology
- Clinical Supports and Special Needs
- K-8 Assessment and Learning
- Grade 9-12 Assessment and Learning
- Graduating Students and Adult Learners

We recognize that this is a difficult time for our communities. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this challenging situation. We commit to keeping you updated in the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

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March 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As shared in the letter distributed to families on March 13, Manitoba Education & Training will suspend classroom teaching in schools effective March 23, 2020 for three weeks, including the week of spring break.

Under the direction of Manitoba Education and Training, planning is now underway for schools to provide as much continuity as possible in the education of students. We will trust the experience and expertise of our teachers during the suspension of classroom teaching to ensure learning opportunities are:

- accessible for all students;
- aligned with familiar teaching and learning strategies; and,
- suitable for students to pursue independently and, where available, with adult support.

A clear plan for ongoing communication between schools and parents/guardians during the suspension of classroom teaching in schools is critical. Communication plans will vary by school and by community and will be shared by Friday, March 20. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to ensure schools have access to current contact information.

The situation around COVID-19 continues to evolve rapidly. Thank you for your patience and support. Archived correspondence will be posted online at: [www.interlakesd.ca](http://www.interlakesd.ca)

Sincerely,

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March 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This afternoon the Interlake School Division learned that Manitoba Education & Training has decided to suspend classroom teaching in schools effective March 23, 2020 for three weeks, including the week of spring break. This will allow time for families, educators and school divisions to plan for alternative arrangements while the number of presumptive and confirmed cases of the coronavirus COVID-19 remains low.

Schools will operate as normal during the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of the following, which have been suspended until further notice:

- All extra-curricular events
- All field trips
- All continuing education courses
- All facility bookings with the exception of daycares located in schools

Staff and students who are ill are asked to stay home, regardless of recent travel. For the most up-to-date recommendations from Public Health Officials in Manitoba regarding self-monitoring and self-isolation, please visit: [www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/coronavirus/)

Our schools will continue to follow public health protocols for reporting illnesses, rely on advice from the regional health authorities and ensure adherence to the Personal Health Information Act (PHIA). Public Health Officials are responsible for reporting new positive cases of COVID-19.

We know that the situation around COVID-19 is rapidly evolving. Further updates regarding programming in ISD will be posted online at [www.interlakesd.ca](http://www.interlakesd.ca)

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